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PROCEEDINGS OF THE COLUMBIA HISTORICAL
SOCIETY

FROM THE 9TH MEETING, HELD FEBRUARY 18, 1895, TO THE 23D
MEETING, HELD FEBRUARY 1, 1897

9th meeting (special).

February 18, 1895.

Held at the home of the President, Dr J. M. Toner, 1445 Massachusetts avenue, at 8.10 p m. Attendance, thirty-two.

The election of members and the adoption of a plan of publication by the Board of Managers were announced.

Captain John Stewart read a paper entitled "The early Maps and Surveys of Washington." Discussed by Mr Weller Mrs Alexander and others.

Mrs Sallie Kennedy Alexander, great-granddaughter of Major Ellicott, exhibited and described a collection of relics of that engineer, including a portrait, a map, several commissions, a silver goblet (the gift of Washington to Ellicott), and a series of letters. Discussed by Professor McGee, who called attention to a biography of Ellicott in Stuart's "Civil and Military Engineers."

Dr James Dudley Morgan read a paper entitled "Pierre Charles L'Enfant, the unhonored and unrewarded Engineer," exhibiting a collection of letters and documents.

Mr W. B. Bryan closed the symposium with a paper on some of L'Enfant's personal affairs. Informally discussed.

Adjourned at 10 p m.

10th meeting.

March 4, 1895.

Held at the home of President Toner, 1445 Massachusetts avenue, at 8.15 p m. Attendance, about thirty.

Mr James F. Duhamel read a paper on "Peter Casenave, fourth Mayor of Georgetown;" followed by an unwritten communication by Mr Marcus Baker on "The Scientific Societies of Washington." Discussed by Messrs Abbe, Spofford, Duhamel, and Burgess.

Adjourned at 9.20 p m.

*11th meeting.**April 1, 1895.*

Held at the home of President Toner, 1445 Massachusetts avenue, at 8.30 p m. Attendance, about thirty.

Mr Wills De Haas read a paper entitled "Political Discontent in the West; Attempt to Separate from the East; Movement for a new State on the Upper Ohio." Discussed by Messrs Duhamel, Kasson, Riddle, Goode, Weller, and Spofford. To the author a vote of thanks was tendered, on motion of Mr Kasson, who for the Board of Managers requested that the manuscript, or a copy of it, be deposited with the Recording Secretary of the Society. Mr Kasson further stated the desire of the Board of Managers to secure for the Society copies or originals of all papers heretofore or hereafter read before it.

Professor Burgess presented an unwritten communication on "Locality Names about Washington." Discussed by Messrs Weller, Baker, and Kasson.

Adjourned at 10 p m.

*12th meeting.**May 6, 1895.*

Held at the home of President Toner, 1445 Massachusetts avenue, at 8.15 p m. Attendance, about thirty-five.

Mr Worthington C. Ford read a paper on "The early Commerce of Washington." Discussed by Messrs Weller, Spofford, Baker, Duhamel, and Toner.

Mr W J McGee followed with an informal report from the Committee on Communications and Publication and some suggestions as to the future work of the Society. Mr Baker spoke on the same theme.

Adjourned at 9.15 p m.

*13th meeting.**November 4, 1895.*

Held at the home of President Toner, 1445 Massachusetts avenue, at 8.15 p m. Attendance, about thirty-five members and guests.

Mr M. I. Weller read a paper on "Captain Henry Fleete; his visit to the town of Tohoga (now the city of Washington) in 1621; his subsequent adventures, &c." Discussed by Messrs Toner, Sunderland, and Spofford.

President Toner announced the decision of the Board of Managers that every member of the Society should be invited to bring to the December meeting some object of historic interest.

Dr Morgan exhibited a letter written by General Washington from Valley Forge, February 28, 1778, to Colonel Fitzgerald, of Alexandria, relative to the Conway Cabal. Informally discussed.

Adjourned at 9.30 p m.

14th meeting.

December 2, 1895.

Held at the home of President Toner, 1445 Massachusetts avenue, at 8.15 p m. Attendance, about twenty members and guests.

Mr Marcus Baker read a paper on "The Alaskan Boundary Question," illustrating the various points presented with maps, charts, and a printed extract from the treaty of 1867. Discussed by Messrs Weller and Kauffmann.

Articles of historic interest were exhibited by Dr Toner, Miss E. B. Johnston, Mr Weller, Mr Duhamel, Mr Willard, and Mrs M. S. Beall.

Adjourned at 10.15 p m.

15th meeting.

January 6, 1896.

Held at the home of President Toner, 1445 Massachusetts avenue, at 8.30 p m. Attendance, about thirty members and guests.

Rev Robert R. Howison, of Fredericksburg, Virginia, honorary member, being unable to be present, at his request his communication, entitled "The Princess Pocahontas; Sketches Biographical and Critical," was read by the Secretary. Discussed by Messrs Weller and Spofford.

Mr George R. Stetson read a paper on "The French Habitant."

Mrs Florence C. Dieudonné exhibited an invitation to attend the funeral of George Washington. The following is a copy of the invitation :

NEW LONDON, *December 25, 5799.*

BROTHER: You are requested to meet your Brethren on the 27th inst., precisely at 9 o'clock A. M., at the Union Lodge Room, with a black crape in the button holes of your vest, as the last tribute of respect to the memory of our illustrious Brother, George Washington, deceased.

By order of the W. M.

NAT. LEDYARD, *Sec'y.*

Adjourned at 10.15 p m.

16th meeting. SECOND ANNUAL MEETING. February 3, 1896.

Held at the home of President Toner, 1445 Massachusetts avenue, at 8.15 p m. Attendance, twenty.

The report of the Treasurer was presented and referred to an auditing committee consisting of Messrs Lewis J. Davis, Tallmadge A. Lambert, and George R. Stetson.

Report of the Secretaries was then read and accepted. (Printed in this volume, page 234.)

The Curator not being ready with his report, it was promised for the next meeting.

Election of officers for the ensuing year was then held, with the following result: The first majority ballot elected Mr A. R. Spofford as President. Mr Spofford acknowledged the honor done him, but felt compelled to decline the election because of press of public business.

The elections then resulted as follows:

President, J. M. Toner.

Vice-Presidents, A. R. Spofford.

John A. Kasson.

Recording Secretary, Mrs Mary Stevens Beall.

Corresponding Secretary, M. I. Weller.

Treasurer, James Dudley Morgan.

Curator, James F. Hood.

Councilors for 4 years, Alex. B. Hagner.

John G. Nicolay.

The auditing committee, by its chairman, Mr Davis, reported that the Treasurer's accounts had been duly examined and found correct. The reports of this committee and of the Treasurer were then adopted. (Reports printed in this volume, page 236.)

Short addresses, reviewing the work of the past and suggesting new lines of research for the coming year, were made by President Toner, and Messrs McGee, Spofford, Wilson, Willard, Noyes, Weller, Davis, and Hagner.

Adjourned at 9.45 p m.

*17th meeting.**March 2, 1896.*

Held at the home of President Toner, 1445 Massachusetts avenue, at 8.15 p m. Attendance, 32 members and guests.

President Toner read a paper entitled "Washington in the Forbes Expedition of 1758." Discussed by Mrs Alexander and Mr Lambert.

Mrs C. W. Richardson exhibited a miniature portrait of Washington, sent by him to General Fouquet by the hand of Lafayette. Remarks were made by Mrs Richardson, Miss E. B. Johnston, President Toner, Mr Lambert, and others.

Adjourned at 9.45 p m.

18th meeting.

April 6, 1896.

Held at the home of President Toner, 1445 Massachusetts avenue, at 8.10 p m. Attendance, 40 members and guests.

The Secretary read a letter addressed to the Columbia Historical Society by the National Geographic Society, inviting members and friends of the former to join the latter in its May excursion and requesting that a member from the Historical Society be appointed to coöperate with the excursion committee of the Geographic Society. The invitation was accepted, and Dr James Dudley Morgan appointed.

Mrs Florence Carpenter Dieudonné read a paper entitled "An Historic Foundation." Discussed by Messrs Weller, Toner, and Lambert.

Historical mementos exhibited : Pearl button, three inches in diameter, from the pink velvet coat of Mr Van Dyke, of colonial New York, and specimens of Continental currency, by Mrs I. E. Pulizzi ; letters of Revolutionary period, by Mrs Sallie Kennedy Alexander, and the autograph of El Baron de Carondelet, governor of the province of Louisiana, by Mr T. L. Cole.

Adjourned at 10 p m.

19th meeting.

May 4, 1896.

Held at the home of President Toner, 1445 Massachusetts avenue, at 8.15 p m. Attendance, 50 members and guests.

Mr J. Ormond Wilson read a paper entitled "Eighty Years of the Public Schools of Washington—1805 to 1885." Discussed by Messrs Noyes and Weller.

Mr Strong John Thomson presented to the Society a silken banner, formerly the property of the First school district and carried by them in the annual parade of the public school children of the city of Washington.

Mr McGee moved a vote of thanks, which was responded to by a unanimous rising vote.

Adjourned at 10.30 p. m.

*20th meeting.**June 1, 1896.*

Held at the home of President Toner, 1445 Massachusetts avenue, at 8 p m. Attendance, about fifty members and guests.

Mr B. H. Warner read a paper entitled "Glimpses of Early Days in Washington." Discussed by Messrs Hagner, Davis, Weller, and Kasson.

Miss E. B. Johnston called the attention of all present to the fact that the 19th of September, 1896, would be the centenary of Washington's Farewell Address, and urged that the anniversary be recognized by a general display of the national colors.

Mr McGee announced the summer recess and the contemplated plan of action for the winter meetings.

Adjourned at 10 p m.

In Memoriam

*21st meeting.**December 7, 1896.*

Held in the lecture hall of the Columbian University at 8.15 p m, Vice-President Kasson presiding.

After a short address by Mr Kasson, setting forth the object of the *memorial meeting*, the following program was carried out:

Resolution adopted by the Board on the death of President Toner.

Dr Toner as Man and Citizen. Mr Justice Morris.

Dr Toner as Historian, Collector, and Patron of Letters. Mr A. R. Spofford.

Resolutions adopted by the Board on the death of Dr G. Brown Goode, prepared by Miss Elizabeth Bryant Johnston and read by Mr A. R. Spofford.

Resolutions adopted by the Board on the death of Kate Field, read by the Secretary from the minutes of the June meeting of the Board of Managers.

Memorial of Kate Field. W J McGee.

The meeting closed with a brief address by the presiding officer, in which he set forth the importance of historical societies in general and the work to be accomplished by the Columbia Historical Society in particular.

Adjourned at 9.45 p m.

22d meeting.

January 4, 1897.

Held in the reception hall of the Columbian University at 8.15 p m. Attendance, 35 members and guests.

Mr Tallmadge A. Lambert read a paper entitled "Observations upon the Development of the Nation's Capital." Discussed by Messrs Weller and McGee. Mrs Beall gave an appropriate quotation from Washington's Diary under date of September 17, 1787. Mr Spofford spoke of the Washington Diary in the Library of Congress.

Adjourned at 9.30 p m.

23d meeting. THIRD ANNUAL MEETING. February 1, 1897.

Held in the reception hall of the Columbian University at 8.10 p m. Attendance, 40 members and guests.

Dr Samuel C. Busey read a paper entitled "History of Pennsylvania Avenue during the First Half of the Century." Discussed by Messrs Kasson, Weller, McGee, Hagner, Spofford, and the Hon Mr McCormick. A vote of thanks was tendered, by the Society, to Dr Busey.

The guests then withdrew and the members listened to the annual reports and elected their officers for the ensuing year.

The Treasurer presented the *third annual report*, which was referred to an auditing committee composed of Messrs Lewis J. Davis and M. I. Weller. Report approved and adopted. (Printed in this volume, page 236.)

The Recording Secretary read the report of the Secretaries. (Printed in this volume, page 235.)

The Curator promised his report at some future meeting.

Elections.—The result of the first ballot was the election of A. R. Spofford as President. While thanking the Society for the honor done him, Mr Spofford felt constrained to decline because his duties as Librarian of Congress deprive him of the necessary leisure required by the presiding officer of an historical society. The elections were then held, with the following result:

President, John A. Kasson.

Vice-Presidents, A. R. Spofford.

A. B. Hagner.

Treasurer, James Dudley Morgan.

Recording Secretary, Mrs Mary Stevens Beall.

Corresponding Secretary, M. I. Weller.

Curator, James F. Hood.

Councilors for 4 years, Lewis J. Davis.

J. Ormond Wilson.

Councilors to fill vacancies, Marcus Baker.

Hugh T. Taggart.

Samuel C. Busey.

Messrs J. Ormond Wilson and Lewis J. Davis acted as tellers.

Adjourned at 10.15 p m.

SECOND ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SECRETARIES
1895-'96

Your secretaries respectfully submit this their *second annual report* for the period beginning with the special meeting held February 18, 1895, and ending with and including the second annual meeting, held February 3, 1896.

The *Society* has held *seven meetings*, including the special meeting or *L'Enfant Symposium*, all at the home of President Toner, 1445 Massachusetts avenue. At these seven meetings 10 papers were presented, being one each from 10 different members, and 28 persons have participated in the discussion following. At these meetings numerous *articles of historic interest* were exhibited and informally discussed. The *average attendance* was 30, the highest being 35, the lowest 20.

The roll of membership shows 110 names, of which 16 are new members; 6 never qualified by payment of dues; 11 resigned, and 1, *Osceola C. Green*, has died, leaving a membership of 92 at the close of the second year, classed as 91 active and 1 honorary.

During the year the Society issued two publications, designated *Records of the Columbia Historical Society*; volume 1, the first, comprising pages 1 to 54, and the second, pages 55 to 118.

Though the Society has not grown in numbers during its second year, we feel that it has increased in *importance* and has excited a *deeper interest* in its members. Plans are under discussion for an *historical exhibition* early in the ensuing year.

MARY STEVENS BEALL,
M. I. WELLER,
Secretaries.

FEBRUARY 3, 1896.

THIRD ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SECRETARIES
1896-'97

Your Secretaries respectfully submit this the third annual report, for the period beginning with the 17th regular meeting of the Society, Monday evening, March 2, 1896, and ending with and including this the third annual meeting, Monday evening, February 1, 1897.

During the year the Board of Managers elected to active membership 12 persons. There were 9 resignations and 5 deaths.

The deceased members are—

Kate Field,
George Brown Goode,
Erastus Thatcher,
Joseph Meredith Toner,
William Benning Webb,

leaving a total membership of 100, of whom 1 is an honorary and 1 a life member.

The Society has held 7 meetings. Of these, the first 4 were held at the home of President Toner, 1445 Massachusetts avenue, and the last 3 at the Columbian University. At these 7 meetings 6 papers, 2 memorials, and 3 resolutions of condolence were presented, and 26 members participated in discussions upon the papers read. The average attendance was 57, the largest being at the Memorial meeting, when 150 members and guests were present; the smallest 32, at the March meeting. The Board of Managers held 9 meetings, the average attendance being 8, the largest 12, and the smallest 5.

The vacancy in the Board of Managers caused by the death of President Toner was left *unfilled* as a mark of respect, the duties of the President being performed by the Vice-Presidents. The vacancy caused by the death of Miss Kate Field was filled by the election of Marcus Baker. The vacancy caused by the resignation of John G. Nicolay on account of failing health was filled by the election of Hugh T. Taggart.

In October the Society issued a third brochure of volume 1, pages 119 to 170, of the Records of the Columbia Historical Society, being a paper entitled *Eighty Years of the Public Schools of*

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Washington, by J. Ormond Wilson, and has in press a Memorial brochure.

MARY STEVENS BEALL,
M. I. WELLER,
Secretaries.

SECOND ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TREASURER FOR THE YEAR
ENDING FEBRUARY 3, 1896

Statement of E. Francis Riggs, Treasurer.

COLUMBIA HISTORICAL SOCIETY,
February 3, 1896.

1895.		
Feb. 4.	Balance as per last report.....	\$426 15
	Receipts from members:	
	Dues for Society's year 1894.....	10 00
	Dues for Society's year 1895.....	365 00
	Dues for Society's year 1896.....	15 00
	Total.....	\$816 15
	Expenditures as per vouchers (11 to 27).....	149 31
1896.		
Feb. 3.	Balance on hand.....	\$666 84
	E. FRANCIS RIGGS, <i>Treasurer.</i>	

Report of Auditing Committee.

We, the undersigned, appointed to audit the Treasurer's accounts, certify that we have performed that duty and find the above stated account to be correct, and that properly approved vouchers for all expenditures are on file.

(Signed)	LEWIS J. DAVIS, <i>Chairman.</i>
(Signed)	TALLMADGE A. LAMBERT.
(Signed)	GEORGE R. STETSON.

THIRD ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TREASURER FOR THE YEAR
ENDING FEBRUARY 1, 1897

Receipts.

To balance on hand February 3, 1896.....	\$666 84
To cash from members' dues.....	430 00
	<u>\$1,096 84</u>

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Disbursements.

By printing, voucher No. 28.....	\$2 25
miscellaneous, voucher No. 29.....	5 00
printing, voucher No. 30.....	4 15
printing Records, etc., voucher No. 31.....	78 40
printing, voucher No. 32.....	3 50
paper and printing, voucher No. 33.....	3 00
stamps and letter file, voucher No. 34.....	2 50
day book, voucher No. 35.....	1 10
printing postals, voucher No. 36.....	2 50
printing postals, voucher No. 37.....	4 75
stationery and stamps, voucher No. 38.....	5 00
printing postals, voucher No. 39.....	3 00
printing, voucher No. 40.....	71 06
postage and envelopes, voucher No. 41.....	11 40
postage, voucher No. 42.....	3 50
engraving, voucher No. 43.....	2 50
invitations, voucher No. 44.....	30 50
	\$234 11
Balance	862 73
	\$1,096 84

JAS. DUDLEY MORGAN,
Treasurer.

Accounts examined by auditing committee and found correct.

J. ORMOND WILSON,
LEWIS J. DAVIS,
Committee.

SECOND ANNUAL REPORT OF THE CURATOR

No purchases have been made by the Curator during the year.
He has received the following contributions :

23. PHOTOGRAPHS of—

(a) Silver bowl,

(b) Silver pitcher, and

(c) Four silver wine labels, all formerly the property of
General George Washington, now in the possession of Mrs Eben
Norton Horsford.

(d) Photograph of General George Washington, from portrait
by Wertmuller, painted in Philadelphia, 1794.

(Presented by Miss Cornelia Horsford.)

24. BULLETINS of the Bureau of Rolls and Library of the Department of State.

(a) No. 7, September, 1894. Catalogue of Records of Territories and States. Miscellaneous index. Appendix: Documentary History of the Constitution. Royal 8°, Washington, 1895.

(b) No. 8, November, 1894. Calendar of the Correspondence of Thomas Jefferson. Part II. Letters to Jefferson. Royal 8°, Washington, 1895.

(Presented by the Bureau of Rolls and Library.)

25. A NUMBER of reports and bulletins (6) presented by various persons.

26. TRAVELS in America 100 years ago. Being notes and reminiscences by Thomas Twining. 12mo, New York, 1894.

(Presented by D. W. C. Brodhead, of Delaware Water Gap, Pennsylvania.)

27. BROADSIDE. Copy of "National Intelligencer," Washington City, Wednesday, September 7, 1814.

(Presented by Mr M. I. Weller).

28. FRENCH ASSIGNAT, de vingt-cinq livres. (1793.)

29. CERTIFICATE of clerk of Fairfax County court (1894) concerning presentment by the grand jury of said county, on May 21, 1760, against George Washington and others for not entering their lands according to law, etc.

(Nos. 28 and 29 presented by Mr Lewis J. Davis.)

30. BANNER of the public schools of Washington used in 1858.

(Presented by Mr S. John Thomson, teacher.)

Respectfully submitted.

JAMES F. HOOD, *Curator*.

MARCH 1, 1896.

THIRD ANNUAL REPORT OF THE CURATOR

The Curator submits the following list of contributions to the Society during the year:

31. BUSEY (SAMUEL C.) Personal Reminiscences and Recollections of Forty-six Years' Membership in the Medical Society of the District of Columbia, and Residence in this City, with Biographical Sketches of many of the Deceased Members. By

Samuel C. Busey, M. D., LL. D., President of the Medical Society of the District of Columbia, 1877, 1894, and 1895. 8°, Washington City, D. C., 1895.

(Presented by the author.)

32. BULLETINS of the Bureau of Rolls and Library of the Department of State.

(a) No. 6, July, 1894. Calendar of the Correspondence of Thomas Jefferson. Part 1. Letters from Jefferson. Royal 8°, Washington, 1894.

(b) Supplement to No. 4, August, 1895. Index to the Calendar of the Correspondence of James Madison. Royal 8°, Washington, 1895.

(Presented by the Bureau of Rolls and Library.)

33. SMITH (Captain JOHN), of Willoughby, by Alford, Lincolnshire; President of Virginia and Admiral of New England. Works. Edited by Edward Arber. 1 vol., sm. 4°, pp. cxxxvi, 984. Paper, uncut. Rubricated title. Birmingham, 1884.

(Presented by Mr Thomas Harrison.)

34. A NUMBER (40 pieces) of reports, catalogues, bulletins, programmes, addresses, etc.

(Presented by Mr Marcus Baker.)

35. SUPREME COURT OF D. C. The United States of America *vs.* Martin F. Morris *et al.* Opinion of the court.

(Presented by Hon. A. B. Hagner.)

36. BAKER (MARCUS). The Alaskan Boundary, by Marcus Baker. 8°, pp. 16.

(Presented by the author.)

37. LETTER from the Secretary of the Treasury, in answer to a resolution of the House of Representatives of the 11th of January (1864), transmitting the report and tabular statements of the commissioners appointed in relation to emancipated slaves in the District of Columbia. 8°, pp. 79. (14 pieces).

(Presented by Mr F. W. Hodge.)

38. MONTANA HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

(a) Contributions to the Historical Society of Montana, with its Transactions, Acts of Incorporation, Constitution, Ordinances, Officers and Members. Vol. II, Helena, 1896.

(b) Catalogue of the Library of the Historical Society of Montana, in two parts. Helena, 1892.

(Presented by the Society.)

39. HALE (J. A.) History and Mystery of the Kanawha Valley. A paper read before the West Virginia Historical and Antiquarian Society by Dr J. A. Hale, president, January 19, 1897. Published by the Society. Charleston, 1897.

(Presented by the Society.)

Respectfully submitted.

JAMES F. HOOD, *Curator*.

MARCH 1, 1897.